

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following changes at the indicated locations in the specification:

Page 1, line 1, please delete this line in its entirety (i.e. delete "DESCRIPTION")

Page 1, between line 4 (title) and line 6 (first line of first paragraph), please insert the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE

This is the US National Stage of PCT/EP 2004/011790, filed on October 19, 2004 in Europe, which discloses the same invention as DE 10 2004 005768.0, filed February 5, 2004 in Germany. The aforesaid German Patent Application provides the basis for a claim of priority for the invention described and claimed herein below under 35 U.S.C. 365 (b) and 35 U.S.C. 119 (a) to (d).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 22 (between third and fourth paragraph), please insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, above line 1, please insert the following:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS